

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A refrigerating unit comprising a suction tube and a throttling tube which runs at least over a part of its length inside the suction tube and is guided out from the suction tube to form a first outlet location, wherein the throttling tube and the suction tube are joined to one another at a second location of the suction tube at which outer surfaces of the throttling tube and the suction tube are in contact, wherein the outer surfaces of the throttling tube and the suction tube are joined to one another at the second location by ultrasound welding.

8. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is about 5 mm to 20 mm, ~~preferably about 10 mm~~ from the first location.

9. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is located downstream from the outlet location with reference to the refrigerant flowing in the suction tube.

10. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the outlet location is provided at a connecting tube on which both the suction tube and the throttling tube are fixed downstream in a liquid- and gastight manner.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for joining a suction tube of a refrigerating unit to a throttling tube comprising the following acts:

guiding the throttling tube out from the inside of the suction at an outlet location of the suction tube;

joining the suction tube and the throttling tube at the outlet location by soldering;

bringing in contact an outer surface of a portion of the throttling tube located outside the suction tube with an outer surface of the suction tube at a second location of the suction tube;

joining the suction tube and the throttling tube at the second location;

joining the outer surfaces of the suction tube and the throttling tube to one another at the second location by ultrasound welding.

13. (New) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is about 5 mm to 10 mm from the first location.